Review of the prices of formulations

421. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 401 dated 19th December, 1991 in Rajya Sabha and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that reduced prices after review as given by Government are not correct and the current prices as per situation in the market are much higher ;

(b) what are the current prices of each of the formulations ;

(c) what is the legal authority on the basis of which Government intervene and what are the guidelines on the basis of which reduction in prices is affected ;

(d) whether Government have obtained clearance from Law Ministry about such intervention ;

(e) if so, the details thereof ;

(f) whethsr it is also a fact that in number of cases bulk drug rates have been inflated to increase prices of decontrolled formulations ;

(g) if so, the details of such instances found; and

(h) what is the date of such instances collected and who verifies the data ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) The information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(c) to (e) Necesaary legal provisions are contained in paras 11 and 12 of DPCO, 1987. In most of the cases, companies are prevailed upon to reduce the prices to the extent possible.

(f) to (h) No such spcific instance has come to the notice of the Government.

Drugs and formulations in wholesale price-index

422. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3048 given in the Rajya Sabha on 19th December, 1991 and state :

(a) the names of drugs and formulations which have been taken in whole sale price index base year 1981-82 ;

(b) what was the production of each drug during last three years, yearwise and what is the present price of each ;

(c) how many drugs out of list are under price control ;

(d) whether it is a fact that number of new drugs have replaced many of those drugs ;

(e) if so, the detalis thereof ;

(f) since when this basket is in existence ;

(g) whether it is also a fact that number of drugs in this basket are absolete ; and

(h) if so, names of such drugs and reasons for inclusion of same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) The names of drugs and medicines on which Wholesale Price-Index (base year 1981-82) is based is given in the statement. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) All the products except Chloramphenicol in the basket of Wholesale Price Index are formulations. Government do not monitor production of formulations Regarding

bulk drug Chloramphenicol, which is a price controlled bulk drug under DPCO, 1987, its production during the last 3 years period ending 1990-91, was of the order of 107, 34, 119 30 and 116.84 tonnes respectively.

(d) and (e) Sir, there is no replacement in so far as Vitamin preparations are concerned. However, in other cases, newer drugs are concurrently in use in the country.

(f) As per available information, the currently operated Wholesale Price Index (WPI) series with base year 1981-82 was introduced w.e.f. July, 1989.

(g) and (h) As already stated above, all the drugs included in the basket of Wholesale Price Index are concurrently in use. However, preparatory work for review of existing WPI series has been initated by the Ministry of Industry.

Statement

Sl. No.	Names of Drugs and Medicines for whole sale price index
1	Vitamin tablets (A, B, C, D and Others)
2	Vitamin Capsules
3	Vitamin liquids.
4	Chloramphenicol.
5	Penicillin (Vials, tablets & others products).
6	Streptomycin (Vials & Other products).
7	Tetraeycline (in capsules, vials and others).
8	Powder/granules other than vitamin.
9	Liquid oral other than vitamin.
10	Liquid Injectable other than vitamin.
11	Capsule other than vitamin and antibiotics.
12	Tablet except vitamin and penicillin.
13	Ointments.
14	Syrup.
15	Drugs and Pharmaceuticals n.e.c.
16	Ayurvedic medicines liquid.

Production of Urea and muriate of potash

423. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what steps Government have taken so far to increase the production of fertilizers particularly urea and muriate of potash with a view to stabilise the prices of fertilizers in the country ;

(b) the details of the units where the production is being increased ;

(c) whether Government have decided to invite the participation of private sector in this field ;